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Supervisors urge Legislature to Pass Sex Offender Legislation

San Bernardino - The Board of Supervisors unanimously passed a resolution, authored by Vice Chairman Paul Biane, urging the California State Legislature to act upon and pass Assembly Bill (AB) 438.

AB 438, authored by Assemblywoman Nicole Parra (D-Hanford), would allow apartment owners to refuse to provide housing to, or to evict registered sex offenders who are listed on the Megan's Law website. The legislation also allows apartment owners to use the Megan's Law database to alert tenants to the fact that a neighbor is a registered sex offender. However, this legislation does not require apartment owners to evict or deny housing to convicted sex offenders.

This particular piece of legislation is endorsed by the California Apartment Association, the California State Sheriff's Association, and the California Peace Officers Research Association.

"When this legislation becomes law, parents in every neighborhood will have another tool to protect their children from these predatory criminals," said Supervisor Biane.

Currently, AB 438 is before the California State Assembly Committee on Public Safety. The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors action adds to the bipartisan support this important public safety legislation enjoys.

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